

PRESIDENT LYON PRESENTS SERVICE AWARDS

The President's Service Awards for distinguished service to the society were presented to Ralph Philo and D. U. Donaldson at the annual meeting.

The executive secretary made the presentation to Mr. Philo for President Walker Lyon. Mr. Philo was presented the award for his many hours of help he gave the president when he was unable to attend meetings this past year. Without Mr. Philo's pitching in with his work the executive family would have been hard put to carry on.

Mr. Lee Trainor presented the award to Mr. D. U. Donaldson for his fine work in keeping meticulous records for the society. Mr. Donaldson has been a fine "watch dog" of the treasury.

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* DONALDSON'S *
* HYBRED HIBISCUS NURSERY *
* VERO BEACH, FLORIDA *
* Three miles West on Rd. 60 *
* At the big iron wheels *
* NOT THE MOST, BUT SOME OF THE BEST *
* "PLANT A HIBISCUS IN EVERY YARD" *

Distracted wife (at bedside of her sick husband): "Is there no hope, Doctor?"

Doctor: "I don't know, madam; tell me what you are hoping for."

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HIBISCUS RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Following is part of a report written by Dr. Donald R. Egolf of the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. This report was published in Volume 5, Number 1 of the American Horticultural Society "Gardeners Forum", February 1962.

"The major emphasis of the National Arboretum hibiscus research program has been with Hibiscus syriacus, Althea or the rose of sharon, but it now appears feasible to extend this work to include Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, the tropical hibiscus. The chromosome complements of Hibiscus syriacus ($2n = 80$) and Hibiscus rosa-sinensis ($2n = 92, 144, 168$) are greatly divergent. With such magnitude of difference between the chromosome numbers of these two species, it is improbable that hybrids could be obtained. If a tetraploid $2n = 160$ is located among the colchicine treated Hibiscus syriacus, the probability of hybridization with Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is greatly increased. The polyploid Hibiscus syriacus have firm flower petals, and large, heavy textured leaves that closely resemble those of Hibiscus rosa-sinensis. Should these polyploids prove a bridge between the species the color range of Hibiscus syriacus might be extended to the yellows and reds, while the Hibiscus rosa-sinensis might incorporate the blue pigments; not to mention other desirable ornamental characteristics."

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Women can be awfully expensive at times. Take my wife for instance - - I have to have the lawn mower sharpened almost every week because she keeps pushing it into wire, rocks and old tin cans.

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'Twas in a restaurant they met,
Romeo and Juliet,
He had no money to pay the debt,
So Romeoed for what Juliet."